DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

Docket No. USCG-2023-0225

Special Local Regulations Northern California and Lake Tahoe Area Annual Marine

Events; Blessing of the Fleet, San Francisco, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulations for the annual Blessing of the Fleet Boat Parade on April 30, 2023, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways in the San Francisco Bay during this event. Our regulation for marine events in Northern California identifies the regulated area for this event in San Francisco, CA. During the enforcement period, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or loitering or anchoring in the regulated area, unless authorized by the designated Patrol Commander (PATCOM) or other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies on scene to assist the Coast Guard in enforcing the regulated area.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.1103 will be enforced for the location listed in Table 1 to §100.1103, Item number 1 from 10 a.m. to noon on April 30, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call, or email MST1 Shannon Curtaz-Milian, Sector San Francisco Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (415)-399-7440, email SFWaterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.1103, Table 1 to §100.1103, Item number 1 for the Blessing of the Fleet regulated area from 10 a.m. to noon on April 30, 2023. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for

marine events within Northern California, §100.1103, specifies the location of the regulated area

for the Blessing of the Fleet Boat Parade which encompasses portions of the San Francisco Bay.

During the enforcement period, the regulated area will be in effect in the navigable waters, from

surface to bottom, defined by a line drawn from Bluff Point on the southeastern side of the

Tiburon Peninsula to Point Campbell on the northern edge of Angel Island, and a line drawn

from Peninsula Point to the southern edge of the Tiburon Peninsula to Point Stuart on the

western edge of Angel Island.

During the enforcement period, under the provisions of 33 CFR 100.1103(b), if you are

the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Patrol

Commander (PATCOM) or any other Official Patrol, defined as a Federal, State, or local law

enforcement agency on scene to assist the Coast Guard in enforcing the regulated area. During

the enforcement period, if you are the operator of a vessel that participates in the marine event

within the regulated area, you must follow the parade route established by the marine event

sponsor, and comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or other Official Patrol. The

PATCOM or Official Patrol may, upon request, allow the transit of commercial vessels through

regulated areas when it is safe to do so.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard

plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via Local Notice to Mariners. If the

Captain of the Port determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration

stated in this notice, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners or other marine broadcast may be used to

grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Dated: March 22, 2023.

Taylor Q. Lam,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard,

Captain of the Port, San Francisco.